



Background:

Prior to coming to NAS Patuxent River, visitors should know what credentials they need to access the installation as well as what steps to take before arrival to ensure an easy entry through the gates.

Drivers can access NAS Pax River through one of the two entry gates located along MD Rt. 235, or a third gate on Shaw/Forrest Park Road/MD Rt. 712. Personnel with valid Common Access Card (CAC) or retired military ID credentials can access the base without having to obtain a vehicle pass first.

I have a CAC/retired military ID. Can I escort visitors on base?

Yes. Personnel with a retired military ID or CAC credentials (to include contractors with "Green Stripe" CACs) can escort visitors on to the installation so long as the visitor is in the car with the credential holder at the time of base entry and the visitor is escorted by credentialed personnel while on the installation.

What if I am visiting NAS Pax River but don't have a CAC or retired military ID?

Visitors without credentials to access the base must have a sponsor with base access create a visitor request for them in the BASICS II system (<https://basics.navair.navy.mil/>). Once a visitor request has been filed in BASICS II, the visitor can then visit the NAS Patuxent River Gate 2 Pass Office to obtain a pass. The visitor will need to fill out a SECNAV5512/1 form and provide necessary ID, which includes:

- **Minimum Documentation Required for U.S. Citizens**

By Birth - Social Security Number and/or State ID/Driver's License.

Naturalized - Certification Number, Petition Number, Date, Place and Court, United States passport number, Social Security Number and/or State ID/Driver's License.

Derived - Parent's certification number, Social Security Number and/or State ID/Driver's License.

- **Minimum Documentation Required for Foreign Nationals**

Passport, Alien Registration or Naturalization Certificate.

- **Minimum Documentation Required for Aliens**

Registration Number, Expiration date, Date of entry, Port of entry.

The personnel at the Pax River Gate 2 Pass Office will perform a quick background check on the visitor and issue a pass for base access. This pass will allow them to access the base for the prescribed period.

I have credentials from an agency other than the DoD. Will they get me on base?

Not necessarily. Depending on the agency, the credentials may not be accepted for base access and the holder may require sponsor and/or escort by a DoD CAC holder like other members of the public. Contact the Pax River Gate 2 Pass Office at 301-342-3231 to determine whether your credentials will be accepted.

Can I obtain a visitor pass from any of the Pax River gates?

No. The only office for vehicle passes is located at the Pass Office just outside of NAS Patuxent River's Gate 2. NAS Patuxent River's Gate 1 Office only provides CAC services.

What are the Gate 2 Pass Office hours of operation?

The Gate 2 Pass Office is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Friday.

Questions?

For questions regarding base access to NAS Patuxent River, contact the Pax River Gate 2 Pass Office at 301-342-3231.